GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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POLLUTION IN RIVERS IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many rivers in Kerala are getting polluted due to industrial effluents;

(b) if so, the details of such industries;

(c) whether the Government propose to take any action against such industries; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) A total of 36 Grossly Polluting Industries (GPI) located along the rivers/lakes in Kerala were found defaulting in 1997.The details of these units are as under:-

Distillery	5	Rayon	1
Pulp & Paper	5	Oil Refinery	1
Chemical	5	Insecticide	1
Food & Vegetable	4	Zinc	1
Textile	2	Caustic Soda	1
Fertilizer	2	Mineral Processing	1
Petro-chemical	3	Sugar	1
Tannery	2	Manmade Fibre	1

(c) The Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) had issued directions under Section 18(1)(b) of the Water Act, 1974, to the Kerala State Pollution Control Board for taking action against the defaulting industries.Out of a total of 36 industries, 32 have provided the requisite effluent treatment facilities and the remaining four units are closed.

(d) Does not arise.